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Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit			
	Carolyn T. Blake	3724			
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Status					
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 Fe	ebruary 2006.				
·— ··	s action is non-final.				
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closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims					
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1 and 3-11</u> is/are pending in the application.					
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>9-11</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
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6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1 and 3-8</u> is/are rejected. 7)□ Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirement.				
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Application Papers					
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.					
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>15 October 2003</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)□ objected to by the Examiner.					
Applicant may not request that any objection to the					
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).					
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).					
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:					
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
2. Certified copies of the priority document	2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No				
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage					
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).					
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
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Attachment(s)  1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)					
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  Paper No(s)/Mail Date					
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The text of those sections in Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

#### Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set 2. forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 22, 2006 has been entered.

### **Priority**

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on 3. applications filed in the European Patent Office on October 15, 2002. It is noted, however, that Applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 02405885.1 and 02405884.4 applications as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

#### Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: "slidable along said 4. at least one of said longitudinal edges" should be changed to - -slidable along at least one of said longitudinal edges- -. Appropriate correction is required.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that 5. form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United

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States.

6. Claims 1, 3, and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Börner (3,583,454).

Regarding claim 1, Börner discloses the invention as claimed, including a food

cutting device comprising: a body having two longitudinal edges (8, 9) and a blade (2)

configured such that its cutting edge is a predetermined distance from a plate (1)

provided therein; a food holder (12, 13, 14, 15) having a guide (21) configured to

slidably connect to at least one of said longitudinal edges (8, 9) of said body to thereby

bring a food item in contact with said blade (2), said food holder configured to be

simultaneously slidable along said at least one of said longitudinal edges and rotatable

relative to said blade during use (see col. 2, lines 25-27).

Regarding claim 3. Börner discloses the food holder (12) is configured to slide

along an axis parallel to said longitudinal edges (8, 9).

Regarding claim 5, the Börner plate (1) is removable from said body.

Regarding claims 6-8. Börner discloses the food holder (12, 13, 14, 15) includes

a hollow portion (13), a plunger portion (15), and a plurality of protrusions (14) along at

least one of its surfaces.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Börner as

applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kim (5,765,472). Börner fails to disclose

the blade is substantially "V"-shaped. However, Kim discloses a food cutting device

wherein the blade (24) is substantially "V"-shaped, which would create a different shape sliced work product than the diagonal blade disclosed by Börner. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a substantially "V"-shaped blade, as disclosed by Kim, on the Börner device for the purpose of creating a particular cut.

# Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn T. Blake whose telephone number is (571) 272-4503. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, alternating Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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